

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, February 16, 2023
James P. Coughlin Center - Volunteer Room
& Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Steve Binder, Karen D. Powers, Doug Zellmer, Tom Borchart, and Kay Horan (via Zoom)

Members Absent: None.

Extension Winnebago County Staff: Chris Viau, Dana Berger, Christi Gabriliska, Hannah Phillips, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: Unnamed Winnebago County Citizen via Zoom.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Steve Binder.

Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda/Requests to Add Items to the Next Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Powers moved to approve the 12/15/2022 minutes, second by Borchart. Motion carried 5-0.

Safety Share – Tom Borchart: Borchart and Hendrickson reminded all to use step stools; don't stand on furniture.

Committee Chair Report: Binder had no report to share.

UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates:

- **FoodWise & FY22 Year End Report** – Gabriliska and Phillips distributed a *Winnebago County FoodWise 2022 Review* and a statewide *SNAP-ED Works 2022 Review*. Gabriliska reviewed the documents. The FoodWise programming focus has been building/rebuilding partnerships after the pandemic. Discussion ensued regarding grocery store accessibility. Phillips elaborated on the upcoming changes in SNAP benefits for families. Focus is communication/education around reduction in benefits and alternate food support options. Discussion followed.
- **4-H Youth Development** – Berger distributed the *Winnebago County 4-H February 2023 Program Report & Updates* and *4-H Thriving Model* handouts. Berger reviewed the program updates, highlighting the various trips that have been reinstated after the pandemic, leader trainings, workshops, and membership data. Discussion ensued. Berger reviewed the 4-H Thrive results. Discussion followed.

Extension Administration and Department Reports – Chris Viau:

- **Facility Updates:** Viau called attention to the new carpet in the JPCC meeting rooms. Meeting room usage has been increasing and groups are being held accountable for upholding attendance and cleaning policies.
- **Staff and Department Updates:** Kevin Jarek began his role as the Regional Crops & Soils Educator on January 17th. The Health & Well-Being position was posted last week and will close February 28th. Viau will share the posting with the committee members via email to forward. A member of the committee is welcome and encouraged to be part of the screening team for this position. The Regional Dairy Educator position is expected to be posted soon. The Positive Youth Development Educator position will not be moving forward with a 3-county posting. Viau sought approval from the committee to utilize the budgeted funds for this position to hire a temporary summer position to assist with 4-H. Committee members were all in agreement to support.
- **Area/Region/State Updates:** The Wisconsin Counties Association has developed a steering/standing committee for relationships between Extension and counties. Horan has been appointed to this group.

Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion: 4-H Pizza Sales.

Scholarship Task Force Updates: After discussion with Corp Counsel, there can be no movement until after April 2024 when the new board is established. This agenda item will be removed going forward.

Comments by Committee Members: Powers shared about a program she recently heard of called RIP Medical Debt.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

Adjourned: Powers moved to adjourn at 10:46 a.m.; seconded by Zellmer. Motion carried 4–0 (Horan left prior to vote).

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Hendrickson